

THE PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS, NORTH NOTTINGHAM


SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND HUCKNALL.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - 3RD/4TH JANUARY 2026 MASS TIMES, SERVICES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK					Suggested Donation for Newsletter 20p
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	3rd	5.00pm	OUR LADY’S	People of the Parish	
SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	4th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY’S	Sean Lanigan RIP Maurice Stanslaus RIP	
MONDAY - CHRISTMAS FERIA	5th				
TUESDAY - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	6th	9.30am 7.00pm	OUR LADY’S HOLY CROSS	Lily O’Boyle RIP (This Mass will be led by our Schools)	
WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	7th	12noon	HOLY CROSS	Ted Parkinson RIP	
THURSDAY - THURSDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	8th	9.30am	OUR LADY’S		
FRIDAY - FRIDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	9th	7.00pm	OUR LADY’S	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet	
SATURDAY - VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)	10th	5.00pm	OUR LADY’S	Brendan O’Boyle RIP	
SUNDAY - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)	11th	9.00am 11.00am	HOLY CROSS OUR LADY’S	People of the Parish Rita Robertson RIP	

RECONCILIATION - Our Lady's - Saturdays 4.15 - 4.45pm Holy Cross - after Mass on Wednesdays

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS IN OUR PARISH

<p>SCRIPTURE GROUP</p> <p>The next meeting will now be in the New Year. Dates to be confirmed.</p>	<p>BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS</p> <p>HOLY CROSS</p> <p>are paused until Tuesday 13th January 2026.</p>	 <p>THE LEGION OF MARY</p> <p>Our Lady's - Every Sunday after 11am Mass. Everyone welcome to join.</p>
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WORD OF THE WEEK: EPIPHANY. Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world. It is a time to reflect on the mystery of Christ's birth and to renew our commitment to following Him. For us, Epiphany is a time to recognise that Christ came for everyone and we see this reflected in the visit of the Magi and the gifts that they brought.

What is a gift that you can give to others? Think of a way to share your gift with your community this week. Who are the people you call family? Make time for them this week and find an opportunity to be together.

New Year Message 2026

At the beginning of this new year, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for all the cards, gifts, prayers and good wishes you have extended to me over this Christmas period. Thank you!

I would like to begin by highlighting some important moments from last year. At the beginning of 2025, I was absent from the parish, recovering from cancer surgery and I am grateful for all the prayers offered on my behalf. My health has not been the best since my return to the parish in mid-January but thanks to certain medical interventions and, in no small part to your prayers, much of my strength has returned and I am hopeful I will continue to improve.

The 'Looking Forward' group was established to begin the process of consultation across the parishes so that our two parishes could be merged to form a single parish as requested by Bishop Patrick. I wish to extend my thanks to the working party for their dedication, commitment and service to make this whole process a success.

Throughout the course of 2025, we lost some good friends and faithful servants from our parish. We remember particularly Monsignor David Forde, Brendan O'Boyle, Tony Farrell, Ben D'Mello and many others including Reginald Reddish who died on Christmas Eve who have gone to their eternal reward. May they rest in peace.

As we move into 2026, we do so in a new and exciting way. Now our churches of Holy Cross and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have merged to form the single parish of the "Most Holy Name of Jesus, North Nottingham", I believe this in itself provides us with an opportunity to look forward together with renewed hope and confidence guided by the principle of missionary discipleship under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. From the foundation of the Church almost two thousand years ago, she has endeavoured to fulfil the Lord's commission to go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation. From the outset, the primary role of the Church has always been mission-driven. To celebrate our faith individually is a good thing, but celebrating our faith openly as a parish and community together, with the same goal and guiding principle to make Christ known to others, is a powerful witness which cannot be silenced or ignored. As a single parish we need to find effective ways to work together to place mission at the centre of all we say and do.

We are blessed in this parish with so many gifts and talents and with those who give of their time and efforts to serve the parish faithfully and consistently. I would like to offer by sincere gratitude to everyone who contributes to serving our community in whatever way. The parish could not survive without the help and commitment of these good and faithful servants. But there is still much to do. If you are not involved in parish ministries, now would be an ideal time to think about how you might serve the community. The more people that are involved in working for the good of the parish, the more effective will our witness be.

I am confident that working together in 2026, and beyond, we can begin to build the kingdom of God in our small corner of the world.

Thank you for your support.

Happy New Year to you, your families and those you love, and may the
Lord bless you and keep you this year and in the years to come.
God Bless, Fr Richard.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Registration is now open for all candidates who wish to receive these Sacraments at Holy Cross and Our Lady's Church. Registration forms are available at the back of church and completed forms need to be returned to the parish office by **Sunday 11th January 2026**. Applications are welcome from baptised Catholics who are in School Year 3 and above. If you have any questions please contact the parish office on 0115 9278403 or email: holycrosshucknallandourladybulwell@dioceseofnottingham.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Reginald Reddish RIP who died on 23rd December at the age of 102. Reginald was a parishioner at the Divine Infant of Prague and when the church closed he attended the 5pm vigil Mass in Our Lady's and received communion in his home when he was unable to attend.

MINDFUL MERCIFUL CAFÉS
HOLY CROSS will be open again on Wednesday 28th January (at the new time of 10.30am in the meeting room)

OUR LADY'S meets every **Thursday 10am—12.30pm** in the parish hall. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

<p>HOLY CROSS HEATING FUNDRAISING.</p> <p>NOVEMBER COLLECTION £328.80 . Total raised to date: £10,250.98.</p> <p>NEXT SECOND COLLECTION FOR HEATING FUND - SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY.</p>		<p>SECOND COLLECTION</p> <p>for Sick and retired Priests' fund will be taken at every Mass next weekend</p> <p>10th/11th January.</p>	
<p>HOLY CROSS CHURCH</p> <p>READER</p> <p>Sunday 11th January – Viv Flynn</p> <p>WELCOMERS</p> <p>Sunday 11th January - Charles Nyarkoh & Bodwell Mendy</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING</p> <p>Sunday 11th January - Charles & Patricia Nyarkoh</p>		<p>OUR LADY'S CHURCH</p> <p>READERS Saturday 10th January - Kathy Taylor</p> <p>Sunday 11th January - Victoria I & Renee M-C</p> <p>WELCOMERS Saturday 10th January - Kath Huckerby & Sam Cropley</p> <p>Sunday 11th January - Janet, Monica & Stef</p> <p>OUR LADY'S CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY</p> <p>Team A (Teresa, Maram, Juliana, Chiamaka, Cynthia & Antony)</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS</p> <p>Sunday 11th January - Chisom, Linda, Dianne & Akpevwen</p>	
		<p>A hearing loop system is available in both churches.</p> <p>Please set your hearing aid to "T" (Telecoil) setting in order for it to work.</p> 	

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